

REMARKS

Claims 14, 21 and 29 have been amended. Claims 9-26 and 29 are currently pending. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

First, the allowance of claims 9-20 and 24-26 is gratefully acknowledged.

Second, Applicant has amended the "Related Cases" section to update the priority information.

Third, Applicant has amended claim 14 to change "can be" to "is".

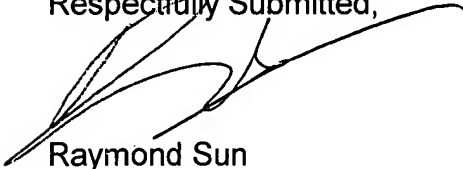
Fourth, claims 21-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by USP 5,694,998 to Chen ("Chen"). In response, claim 21 has been amended to its original form, i.e., to be dependent upon claim 20. Since claim 20 has been allowed, claims 21-23 are allowable as well.

Fifth, claim 29 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by USP 6,095,230 to Mitchell ("Mitchell"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 29 has been amended to recite that the resilient element does not overlap the rigid portion of the same support. In contrast, the rigid portion 334 and the resilient portion 332 in FIG. 10 of Mitchell overlap each other. Thus, claim 29 is allowable over Mitchell.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 9-26 and 29 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if there are informalities that can be resolved in a phone conversation, or if the Examiner has any ideas or suggestions for further advancing the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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